

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →



PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO			<b>Complete if Known</b>		
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (use as many sheets as necessary)			Application Number		
			Filing Date		
			First Named Inventor		
			Group Art Unit		
			Examiner Name		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	MERCK-2322-D01

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials *	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)		
/NB/	A1	3,683,590		Dunn	08-15-72
	A2	3,729,543		Dunn	04-24-73
	A3	3,870,511		Szekely	03-1975
	A4	3,944,647		Bonsack	03-16-76
	A5	4,026,698		Koump	05-1977
	A6	4,039,647		Wohleber et al.	08-1977
	A7	4,076,794		Smith	02-28-78
/NB/	A8	5,298,233		Nagel	03-1994

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>8</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
/NB/	B1	EP	0 008 413	A	Riedel	03-05-80		
	B2							
	B3							
	B4							
	B5							
	B6							

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials *	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>
	C1		
	C2		
	C3		

Examiner Signature	/Nina Bha/	Date Considered	09/26/2007
--------------------	------------	-----------------	------------

\* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>8</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.